What is the FMCSA Commercial Driver’s License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse?

A secure, online database that will give employers and other authorized users real-time information about commercial driver’s license (CDL) and commercial learner’s permit (CLP) holders’ drug and alcohol program violations, thus improving safety on our Nation’s roadways.

Which drivers are covered by the Clearinghouse?

Any driver who holds a CDL (CDL driver) and meets the requirements of the CDL standards (49 CFR Part 383), and the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (Part 382). References to CDL drivers also includes CLP drivers.

How will CDL drivers use the Clearinghouse?

Beginning January 6, 2020, registered CDL drivers can use the Clearinghouse to:

- Provide electronic consent to release detailed drug and/or alcohol violation information in your Clearinghouse record to a current or prospective employer (when an employer conducts a full query).
- Review your own Clearinghouse record and initiate the process to revise or remove incorrectly entered information.
- Identify a substance abuse professional (SAP) to report on RTD activities, if you have an unresolved drug and alcohol program violation in your Clearinghouse record.

Why register this fall?

Beginning January 6, 2020, employers of CDL drivers must query the Clearinghouse to verify that a current or prospective driver is not prohibited from operating CMVs or performing other safety-sensitive functions due to an unresolved drug and alcohol program violation.

Register early to to ensure you are ready on January 6, 2020. While Clearinghouse registration is not required for all drivers, you will need to be registered to view your own Clearinghouse record electronically, or to provide electronic consent for a current or prospective employer to conduct a full query (including a pre-employment query) in the Clearinghouse. Failing to consent to a query will result in a driver being prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions for the employer conducting the query.

Questions?

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